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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At p. 1, delete the paragraph below the section labelled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS", and substitute therefor the following text:

-- The present application is the national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of application Serial No. PCT/US98/14796, filed July 17, 1998, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/053,535, filed July 23, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/053,351, filed July 22, 1997, the contents of all of the foregoing of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. --

At page 2, line 13, please delete "zolendronate" and replace with -- zoledronate --.

At page 19, line 6, please delete "zolendronate" and replace with -- zoledronate --.